IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF OREGON PORTLAND DIVISION

ELZIE LEE HOWARD, JR.,

No. CV. 09-1508-HZ

Plaintiff,

ORDER

v.

MICHAEL J. ASTRUE, Commissioner of Social Security,

Defendant.

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HERNANDEZ, District Judge:

Magistrate Judge Paul Papak issued a Findings and Recommendation (doc. #19) on April 26, 2011, in which he recommends that the Commissioner's final decision in connection with Plaintiff's June 13, 2005, application for SSI benefits be affirmed. The matter is now before me pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(B) and Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 72(b).

Because no objections to the Magistrate Judge's Findings and Recommendation were timely filed, I am relieved of my obligation to review the record <u>de novo</u>. <u>United States v.</u>

Reyna-Tapia, 328 F.3d 1114, 1121 (9th Cir. 2003) (en banc); <u>see also United States v. Bernhardt,</u>

840 F.2d 1441, 1444 (9th Cir. 1988) (<u>de novo</u> review required only for portions of Magistrate

Judge's report to which objections have been made). Having reviewed the legal principles <u>de novo</u>, I find no error.

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CONCLUSION

The Court ADOPTS Magistrate Judge Papak's Findings and Recommendation (doc.
#19). Accordingly, the Commissioner's final decision in connection with Plaintiff's June 13,
2005, application for SSI benefits is affirmed.
IT IS SO ORDERED.
DATED this <u>3rd</u> day of <u>June</u> , 2011.
/s/ Marco A. Hernandez
MARCO HERNANDEZ

United States District Judge